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Growth of Air Cargo
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a phenomenal growth in passenger traffic, but not much progress in air cargo, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government is receiving Rs.11000 crore and the States Rs.3000 crore to Rs.3500 crore from the aviation sector due to the steady rise in passenger traffic, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the growth of air cargo in the country?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): As per the statistics furnished by Airports Authority of India (AAI), total passenger traffic (both domestic and international) at all Indian Airports during 2016-17 (Apr'16-Feb'17) witnessed the growth rate of 18.9%. Total air cargo at all Indian Airports during 2016-17 (Apr'16-Feb'17) witnessed the growth rate of 9.3%.

(b): No such data is maintained by Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(c): Main steps taken by Government for growth of air cargo are as follows:

(i)Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has got the Dwell-Time study conducted at six major airports in the recent past to identify the reasons for higher dwell time in Indian Airports and corrective action(s) required. The free period for air cargo has been reduced from 72 hours to 48 hours w.e.f. 1st April, 2017.

(ii) The concept of 24x7customs clearance of Import/Export Cargo has been initiated at 13 airports.;

(iii) The concept of ""Single Window"" has been launched by Customs w.e.f. 1.4.2016 in phased manner which inter-alia ensures on-line clearance from various regulatory agencies
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(iv) For handling International Cargo at its airports, AAI has provided Automatic Storage & Retrieval System (AS&RS) as well as Elevated Transfer Vehicle (ETV) facilities for handling both import and export cargo respectively at Chennai & Kolkata Airports;

(v) All the International Air Cargo Terminals managed by AAI are well equipped with sufficient storage space, cargo handling equipment, cold rooms for perishable cargo and other basic facilities;

(vi)The Common User Domestic Cargo Terminal (CUDCT) concept has been introduced for maximum utilization of facilities

(vii) AAI has prepared a road map to create cargo infrastructure and facilities at 24 AAI Airports initially provide impetus to economic growth and development on pan-India basis to ensure harmonious growth of all regions in India.